

ORDINANCE 2020-13

AN ORDINANCE OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EXISTING TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAXING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRE AREA OF WALTON COUNTY NOT CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO THE TAX, AND TO LEVY A TWO PERCENT (2%) TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX WITHIN THE PORTION OF THE WALTON COUNTY NOT CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO THE TAX; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida ("Board") has previously enacted an ordinance, and obtained subsequent approval by referendum to levy and impose tourist development taxes, and;

WHEREAS, the current portion of the County in which said tax is collected is a subcounty district lying south of the Choctawhatchee Bay in its entirety, and;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the growth and increased tourism potential that exists in Walton County as a whole, and desires to expand the existing subcounty district to now include all of Walton County, and;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the expansion of the tourist development taxing district is in the best interests of the citizens of Walton County, and;

WHEREAS, the levy of said tax in the currently non-taxed portions of the County by the public through referendum.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida:

1. That pursuant §125.0104(6) Fla. Stat., and the Board hereby places upon the ballot of the 2020 General Election a referendum on the levy of tourist development tax.
2. The substance of the referendum and the ballot title shall read:

Do you favor the levy of a tourist development tax within Walton County, north of the Choctawhatchee Bay, at a rate of two percent (2%) of each dollar of the total rental charged to every person who rents, leases, lets for consideration any living quarters or accommodations in any hotel, apartment hotel, motel, resort motel, apartment, apartment motel, rooming house, tourist or trailer camp, or condominium for a term of six (6) months or less.

_____ FOR

_____ AGAINST

3. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

DULY ADOPTED this 17th day of August, 2020

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Dori Cordle

Alex Alford, Clerk
Walton County Clerk of Court
and County Comptroller



W.N. Chapman

W.N. "Bill" Chapman, Chairman
Walton County BCC, Chairman